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The lobby of the San Gabriel Valley Sector and Division 9 office building is enclosed in glass, which allows sunlight to illuminate the terrazzo flooring. Natural lighting was taken into account when the building was designed to allow as much daylight into the building as possible. Project Manager Tim Lindholm said the use of natural light will help reduce energy use, but at the same time won't have overheat the building or make the occupants uncomfortable. Once the contractor completes the project punch list, furniture, phones and computers will be moved into the building.



# New Building for Division 9 and SGV Sector Offices Nears Completion

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(July 5, 2007) The new three-story office building that will house the San Gabriel Valley Sector offices and the Division 9 transportation offices is nearing completion in El Monte and is expected to be occupied by September.

The "ecologically green" building has been constructed to achieve a "silver" rating by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), said Tim Lindholm, director of Capital Projects for Facilities Operations.

The division offices, bus operator break room, dispatch and Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau field office will be located on the first and second floors of the 45,515-square foot building. The sector administrative offices will occupy the third floor.

The \$13-million building will permit a 50 percent growth in Division 9 operations.

Major construction has ended and the site was recently inspected by Metro. The building contractor is completing a "punch list" of such items as painting touch-ups and electrical.



Division 9's current transportation building will be demolished soon after the new building is operational. The current building's site will be repaved to allow for additional bus parking, making life easier for the operators and mechanics who navigate the buses in the presently crowded parking area and allowing for expansion of the fleet. Plans call for having the new yard paved and working by summer 2008.





The building surpasses California standards for building energy use by 25 percent and water consumption standards by 50 percent. It also incorporates drought-resistant landscaping. Additionally, the building is crafted of recycled and low-volatile organic compound materials. The design also incorporates covered lockers (seen above) which are located near a patio where employees can relax outside during breaks or while waiting for their shift to start.

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